# NOTABLE PLAN AND PROGRAM CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007

All Dual-Choice plan changes and coverage changes take effect on January 1, 2007. To change health plans, for employees, your payroll/benefits/personnel office must receive your application by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 27, 2006. For annuitants, your application must be postmarked by Friday, October 27, 2006.

All plan and provider network changes are made at the request of the health plan. Plans' telephone numbers and addresses are shown on the inside back cover of this booklet.

### → HEALTH PLANS NO LONGER AVAILABLE

SMP is no longer available in Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Price, Taylor, Vilas and Wood counties. Subscribers in these counties must select another plan for 2007 or you will be limited to the SMP providers remaining in other areas. Provider information is available from WPS Health Insurance (see inside back cover for contact information).

#### → HEALTH PLANS NEWLY AVAILABLE

Security Health Plan will be available to employees and annuitants as an HMO offering Uniform Benefits. Security is located in the following counties: Adams, Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Eau Claire, Jackson, Juneau, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Price, Rusk, Taylor, Vilas, and Wood. Security also has a limited amount of providers in other counties (see map on page A-3 for more information).

## → HEALTH PLAN CHANGE

CompcareBlue Aurora Family (CA) network has combined with the CompcareBlue Southeast (CS) network. CA has become a part of CS. If you do not file an application during Dual Choice, you will become a member of CS. At the time of this printing CS informs us that all of the former CA providers will be available in 2007. CS will notify individual subscribers if any of these providers become unavailable. The plan will mail out information to current members prior to Dual Choice and will produce new identification cards for you at the end of this year. If you have questions or concerns, contact CS at their phone number listed on the inside back cover of this book.

# → SIGNIFICANT PLAN PROVIDER NETWORK CHANGES

- A number of plans have changed their service areas, some have made significant changes. Please refer to the map on page A-3 and the Plan Descriptions in Section G. Verify with your health plan that your provider(s) is still available to you in 2007.
- Note: Your current health plan is required to provide you with a <u>list of all plan providers</u> that will not be available to you in 2007. You should contact your plan and request this information if you have not received it by October 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### → CHANGES TO PHARMACY BENEFITS

For most plans, the annual prescription drug out-of-pocket amount will increase to \$320 per individual and \$640 per family. See page D-2 for further information. The out-of-pocket amount for the Standard Plan and SMP will remain without a limit.

- → CHANGES TO DENTAL COVERAGE See Section G, the Plan Description Pages for more information.
  - ➤ Health Plans that are offering new dental coverage in 2007 are:
    - 1. Gundersen Lutheran Health Plan and
    - 2. UnitedHealthCare Northeast and Southeast.
  - > Network Health Plan is implementing an in-network and out-of-network benefit.

## **→** INFORMATION ON PROVIDER QUALITY

➤ Leapfrog and CheckPoint: The Group Insurance Board supports the goals of improving quality and safety of health care services. The Leapfrog Group and CheckPoint gather information from Wisconsin providers on their efforts toward attaining safety practices or quality standards proved to reduce medical errors and save lives. The Plan Descriptions in Section G have notations on which hospitals have reported information to the Leapfrog Group and/or CheckPoint. You can visit the results on-line at www.leapfroggroup.org and www.wicheckpoint.org. By providing this information, the ETF recognizes hospitals that make improvements in patient safety and quality.

### → OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT IT'S YOUR CHOICE

**WEB SITE:** The Dual-Choice book is available on the ETF Web site at etf.wi.gov. Additional information about the health insurance program and other insurance programs offered to employees, annuitants and continuants is also available at this site.